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ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO IN GENEVA HAS ASKED THAT THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO THE ENTIRE STAFF OF
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ATHENS.

"I WANT TO EXTEND TO YOU MY SINCERE WISHES FOR THE
BRIGHTEST HOLIDAY SEASON EVER AND MY HOPE FOR ALL GOOD
LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR.

"1973 HAS BEEN A MOMENTOUS YEAR FOR ALL OF US IN THE
NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA. I WANT TO COMMEND EACH OF
YOU FOR THE GREAT EFFORTS YOU HAVE EXPENDED THIS YEAR.
WE WILL, UNDOUBTEDLY, HAVE TO CALL UPON YOU AGAIN AND
AGAIN AS THE NEW YEAR UNFOLDS AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE
THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND WITH THE GREAT PROFES-
SIONALISM THAT YOU HAVE DISPLAYED SO WELL THIS PAST
YEAR.

"THIS HOLIDAY SEASON HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR ME
BECAUSE AT PRESENT WE ARE ENGAGED IN A VERY SERIOUS
EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC MIDDLE EAST
CRISIS. I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL JOIN US IN OUR

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PRAYERS THAT THESE PRESENT EFFORTS TO FIND A PERMANENT

SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE LONG PLAGUED US WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL.

SIGNED JOSEPH J. SISCO, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, NEAR EAST AND
SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS." RUSH

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